

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
2nd Floor, Law Library

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from November 14, 2007.

II. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Tracy Aarons – Petition No. 2007-0719-000-034

Presentation of Cease and Desist Consent Order – Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health

B. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health

C. Examination Appeals

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health

IV. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on November 14, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Raymond P. Dennis, LO, Chairman Ann Tosca, Public Member
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH

Chairperson Raymond Dennis called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

MINUTES – August 29, 2007

The minutes of the August 29, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Dennis moved and Ms. Tosca seconded that these minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges
Cohen's Fashion Optical – Petition No. 2007-0719-057-004

Mr. Kardys advised the Board that the Department of Public Health has made a motion for the Board to withdraw the Statement of Charges regarding Cohen's Fashion Optical. The Motion was presented by Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH. As the grounds for this Motion, the Department states that on October 3, 2007, agent for respondent signed Voluntary Surrender. The Department has accepted respondent's Affidavit and license. Respondent has voluntarily given up its right to practice as an optical shop in Connecticut with the Department's approval. For this reason, the Department believes that continued prosecution of this case is unnecessary, and that it is in the interests of justice and administrative economy to terminate these proceedings at this time. After some discussion by the Board, Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges and Ms. Tosca seconded the motion.

B. Memorandum of Decision
Cohen's Fashion Optical – Petition No. 2007-0719-057-004

In light of the above decision to withdraw the Statement of Charges, the Board indicated that this would negate the Memorandum of Decision. However, the Board stipulated that should the respondent decide to reapply for a license to operate an optical shop in the future, the Board would need to have assurance that the shop would be operating legally. The respondent understands that any such application must be made to the Department which shall have absolute discretion, after seeking advice of the Board, as to whether said license shall be issued or reinstated and, if so, whether said license shall be subject to conditions.

C. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit advised the Board that there is one case pending.

D. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales indicated that she had nothing to report at this time regarding examinations.

E. Examination Appeals

Maritsa Morales reported that there were no appeals regarding the November examinations.

F. Schedule Meeting Dates for 2008

Following are the dates for Board Meetings scheduled for 2008.

January 30, 2008

April 30, 2008

August 13, 2008

November 19, 2008

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dennis made a motion and Ms. Tosca seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Tosca, Public Member
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians